

# **California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board**

## **Open Meeting Minutes**

### **March 15, 2007, Board Meeting**

The California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (Board) convened its meeting in open session at the call of Rosario Marin, Secretary, State and Consumer Services Agency, in the Sacramento River Room, 400 R Street, Sacramento, California, on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 10:07 a.m. Also present were Board members Richard J. Chivaro, Deputy Controller, acting for and in the absence of John Chiang, Controller; and Michael A. Ramos, San Bernardino District Attorney.

Board staff present included Karen McGagin, Executive Officer; Tom O'Connor, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; and Kathleen Andleman, Chief Counsel. Tisha Heard, Board Liaison, recorded the meeting.

The Board meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Item 1. Minutes of the February 22, 2007, Board Meeting**

The minutes of the February 22, 2007, Board Meeting were adopted.

#### **Item 2. Public Comment**

The Board opened the meeting for public comment. No public comment was offered.

#### **Item 3. Executive Officer's Statement**

The Executive Officer gave her report to the Board, which included a number of upcoming events and activities the VCGCB would participate in recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 22-28, 2007. The year's theme is "Victims' Rights: Every Victim. Every Time." The VCGCB will also provide outreach to increase awareness of the Victim Compensation Program. The Executive Officer reported the following information:

- The VCGCB will participate in a number of events and activities at the local, state, and national level including our annual march to the Capitol on April 23 and related events being held on the west steps of the Capitol in recognition of Victims' Rights Week.
- The VCGCB has several outreach projects underway including: VCGCB's website to include a victims' rights banner in April; distribution of media tool kits to our county partners; thanks to the State Controller and his Personnel/Payroll Services Division, a message will be included on state payroll warrants issued in April; the Department of Personnel Administration's Employee Assistance Newsletter will include a Victims' Rights Week announcement; and VCGCB posters in English and Spanish are in 60 bus shelters in high crime areas in Los Angeles County.
- VCGCB will cosponsor a symposium hosted by the Capital Center for Government Law and Policy at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law on March 20-21. The Symposium on "Crime Victims' Rights – The Third Wave" will focus on looking to future developments in the victims' rights movement.
- VCGCB will rollout CaRES to two pilot Joint Power counties, Sacramento and San Joaquin. San Bernardino County will also be included in the pilot. VCGCB technical and program staff have met with county Joint Power staff to assess technology needs and coordinate the pilot projects.
- VCGCB staff attended the ninth annual march and vigil of the Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation's Vigil of Hope on March 10.
- Victim Compensation Program Advisory Committee Meeting was held on March 14 in Sacramento.

- Will attend the California Summit for Safe Communities on March 19. Discussion topics will include issues surrounding the release and placement of high-risk sex offenders.
- Patrick Dorais is the new Deputy Executive Officer of the Fiscal Services Division.
- Kathleen Andleman, Chief Counsel, accepted a new position at CalSTRS.

#### **Item 4. Contract Report**

The Executive Officer delivered the Contract Report to the Board. No action required.

#### **Government Claims Program**

#### **Item 5. Consent Agenda (Nos. 1- 462)**

Gary Coopridier, claimant, G562029, number 181 on the consent agenda, provided comment.

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendations for numbers 1 through 405, with the exception of numbers 342 and 345 which were continued.

#### **Item 6. Riverside County Sheriff's Office** **G559433-G559435**

Donna Corbin appeared on behalf of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendation to allow the claims in the total amount of \$1,371.95 to be paid pursuant to Government Code section 13928 (legislative pay).

#### **Item 7. Placer County Sheriff's Office** **G562140-562145**

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendation to allow the claim in the total amount of \$8,933.79 to be paid pursuant to Government Code section 13928 (legislative pay).

#### **Item 8. Applications for Discharge From Accountability for Collection**

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendation to approve applications for discharge from accountability for collection of debts totaling \$222,863,392.64.

#### **Item 9. Myron Howard** **G55681**

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendation to deny the claim.

#### **Item 10. David Allen Jones** **G549272**

Glen E. Tucker, attorney, appeared on behalf of David Allen Jones.

The Board voted to allow the claim in part in the amount of \$74,600.

#### **Victim Compensation Program**

The Board commenced the Victim Compensation Program portion of the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

**Item 11. Consent Agenda (Nos. 1- 4)**

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendations.

**Item 12. Requests for Reconsideration (Nos. 5 - 15)**

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendations to deny the requests for reconsideration.

**Item 13. Reconsiderations Following Board Action on a Proposed Decision  
Recommendations: Deny (Nos. 16A-18)**

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendations to deny reconsiderations.

**Item 14. Proposed Decisions Following Failure to Appear  
(Nos. 19- 41)**

The Board voted to adopt the proposed decisions with the exception of number 27 which was continued.

**Closed Session**

Pursuant to Government Code sections 11126(c)(3) and 11126(e), the Board adjourned into Closed Session with the Board's Executive Officer, Chief Deputy Executive Officer, and Chief Counsel at 11:12 a.m. to deliberate on the proposed decisions, numbers 42 through 95, and to confer with and receive advice from counsel regarding pending litigation.

The Board reconvened into open session at 11:19 a.m.

**Open Session**

The Board voted to adopt the proposed decisions, numbers 42 through 95, with the exception of numbers 61 and 74 which were continued.

**Adjournment**

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Karen McGagin  
Executive Officer

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I certify that the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board adopted these minutes at its meeting of April 19, 2007, at Sacramento, California.

Date: April 19, 2007

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Liaison

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